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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ENGSTROM ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/11/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 – 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blanchard et al. (US 6,415,164 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Blanchard discloses a mobile communication device (Fig. 2) comprising: a plurality of functions to support a plurality of activities to be performed using the mobile communication device, the activities including at least a call activity (Blanchard: Col. 2, lines 26 – 51); a navigation button (menu

keys; Fig. 2, 221 – 224); and a menu driver to facilitate a user to navigate directly from one activity to another (Blanchard: Col. 5, lines 28 – 39), in response to user inputs provided through the navigation button, including saving a first state of a first activity from which the user is navigating from, to enable subsequent re-entry into the first activity at the first state, and entering a second state of a second activity to which the user is navigating to, the second state being the state in which the user last left the second activity (Blanchard clearly discloses a first, a second, a third, a fourth and a fifth activities which can be accessed using the navigation buttons as shown in Fig. 3, whereas the user can navigate from one activity to another or vice versa (Fig. 3, 210 in the direction of Fig. 3, 350 and vice versa), moreover, the darkened elliptical, represents the states of each activities (Fig. 3, 210, 320, 330, 340 and 350), for example, the user moves from the first activity of a first state to another activity, whereas if the user wants to come back from the another activity to the first activity, the first activity, previously accessed, will show the state having a darkened elliptical that the user accessed at the first activity previously, thus, the same rationale applies to the limitation claiming “entering a second state of a second activity to which the user is navigating to, the second state being the state in which the user last left the second activity” (Blanchard: Col. 6, lines 7 – 28).

Regarding claim 2, Blanchard as applied above discloses wherein the first activity is an activity selected from a call activity, a chat activity, a radio activity, and a web browsing activity (call activity such as phone book; Fig. 3); and the

second activity is a different activity selected from the call activity (view all, recall entry, add entry, etc. under the phone book activity; Fig. 3, 320 – 324), the chat activity, the radio activity, and the web browsing activity.

Regarding claim 3, Blanchard as applied above discloses wherein the menu driver is further designed to facilitate a user to interact with selectable sub-activities of an activity as a nested scrollable list of selectable sub-activities of the activity (Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 4, Blanchard as applied above discloses wherein the mobile communication device comprises a wireless mobile phone (Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 5, Blanchard as applied above discloses a mobile communication device (Fig. 2) comprising: a plurality of functions to support a plurality of activities to be performed using the mobile communication device, the activities including at least a call activity (Blanchard: Col. 2, lines 26 – 51); a navigation button (menu keys; Fig. 2, 221 – 224); and a menu driver (Blanchard: Col. 5, lines 28 – 39) to facilitate a user to navigate among selectable sub-activities of an expandable sub-activity of one activity, including presenting the selectable sub-activities as a scrollable list nested in a presentation of the activity, the scrollable list replacing the expandable sub-activity and displaying only a one of the selectable sub-activities at a time (Fig. 3 clearly shows a scrollable list nested in a presentation of the activity in any one of Fig. 3, 210, 320, 330, 340 and 350).

Regarding claim 6, Blanchard as applied above discloses wherein the activity is a selected one of a call activity, a chat activity, a radio activity, and a web browsing activity (call activity; Fig. 3, 320).

Regarding claim 7, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 4.

Regarding claim 8, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claim 9, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 2.

Regarding claim 10, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 3.

Regarding claim 11, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 5.

Regarding claim 12, Blanchard as applied above discloses wherein the activity is a selected one of a call activity, a chat activity, a radio activity, and a web browsing activity (call activity; Fig. 3).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kraft et al. (US 7,092,495 B2) discloses a communication terminal having a user interface.

Clayton et al. (US 6,725,022 B1) discloses a method and apparatus for enabling the selection of content on a wireless communication device.

Ausems et al. (US 2003/0013483 A1) discloses a user interface for handheld communication device.

Park (US 6,263,217 B1) discloses a mobile telephone capable of automatically rebuilding menu tree and method for controlling the same.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Un C. Cho whose telephone number is (571) 272-7919. The examiner can normally be reached on M ~ F 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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